

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) An axle driving apparatus, comprising:
- a common housing serving as a fluid sump;
 - a variable displacement hydraulic pump disposed in said housing, said hydraulic pump having a movable swash plate;
 - a hydraulic actuator for tilt-operating said movable swash plate;
 - a hydraulic motor disposed in said housing;
 - a center section disposed in said housing, said center section provided therein with a closed fluid circuit through which said hydraulic pump and motor are mutually connected; ~~and~~
 - an axle disposed in said housing and driven by said hydraulic motor [[.]] ;
 - an input shaft having opposite first and second ends, wherein said input shaft is supported by said housing and disposed perpendicular to said axle, and wherein said hydraulic pump engages with said first end of said input shaft; and
 - a charge pump for supplying said hydraulic actuator with fluid from said fluid sump, wherein said charge pump is supported by said housing and disposed opposite to said hydraulic pump with respect to said center section, and wherein said charge pump engages with said second end of said input shaft.

25. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 24, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein said a charge pump is disposed in said housing and driven together

with said hydraulic pump ~~so as to supply said hydraulic actuator with fluid from said fluid sump.~~

26. (original) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 24, said hydraulic actuator comprising:

a manually controlled control valve; and

a hydraulic piston combined with said control valve so as to be controlled in location by said control valve.

27. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 26, wherein at least one of said hydraulic piston and said control valve is made integrally with said center section housing.

28. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 27, said hydraulic piston or said control valve, ~~which is made integrally with said housing,~~ is disposed in said housing.

29. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 27, wherein both said hydraulic piston and said control valve are made integrally with said center section housing.

30. (currently amended) The axle driving apparatus as set forth in claim 29, said hydraulic piston or said control valve, ~~which is made integrally with said housing,~~ is disposed in said housing.